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SENATOR BEREUTER: Why then, Senator Rasmussen, aren't we simply enlarging the Nebraska Resource Development Fund instead of creating ... instead of passing this bill?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: We are not creating a new fund, Senator Bereuter. The amendment takes away what was in the bill. So as far as the creation of a new fund, that is not in the bill.

SENATOR BEREUTER: But we are only granting authority to the Game and Parks Commission. Is that correct?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Right, yes, and the reason that there is an area of expediency here is that they are in the process of actual construction, or starting construction. These have to be agreed upon before everything can be sealed, signed and delivered.

I agree with Senator Syas. I would certainly like to see this adopted, see it moved on. We'll hold it right there until we get a clear bill of health from the Attorney General so that we don't create some problems.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Thank you for your comments, Senator Rasmussen.

I do, of course, have a concern about giving any kind of additional authority to the Game and Parks Commission concerning their unresponsive, uncooperative attitude as presented to the Appropriations Committee over the past couple years.

I have further comments, but I would like to save them for the bill and address them to Senator DeCamp after the amendment is disposed of.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I want to point out one thing to this body, I'm sorry I was not here at the beginning of the discussion on this measure. But in our list yesterday 779 did not comply with all of the criteria used on the other bills. I was going to point that out before we started discussion on 779. However, if it is the will of this body to adopt the amendment and move it along that is fine. It was placed there incorrectly by a member of the staff. It did have some opposition and, therefore, it does not ... in the Committee and therefore it does not comply with all of the rules that are set out on top of the list that I placed on your desks yesterday. I just wanted to alert the body that it is an error, but if this body wishes to continue and move this bill forward, then so be it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak. Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. In view of what Senator Burbach has just said are we going to continue with this discussion? I don't feel it's a noncontroversial bill myself. Mr. President.